

## LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in the instant application.

**1. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning an inanimate surface comprising:**

- a) providing a motorized stain-removal brush having a cleaning efficiency angle of from between about 0 degrees to 100 degrees, wherein the motorized stain-removal brush comprises:
  - i) a handle having a motor disposed therein;
  - ii) a head having a longitudinal axis;
  - iii) a neck disposed between the handle and the head;
  - iv) a tilted bristle holder associated with the head which oscillates or rotates;
  - v) a set of bristles associated with the bristle holderwherein the motor is operatively connected to bristle holder;
  - vi) a shaft at least partially disposed within the neck, the shaft being operatively connected to the motor and to the bristle holder, wherein the terminal end of the shaft disposed in the neck does not lie in the same plane as the motor shaft disposed in the handle;
- b) putting a solution in contact with an inanimate surface; and
- a) contacting the electric stain-removal brush to the inanimate surface so as to brush the solution on the inanimate surface.

**2. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning an inanimate surface comprising:**

- a) providing an electric stain-removal brush, wherein the electric stain-removal brush has a cleaning efficiency angle of between about 0 degrees and 100 degrees and wherein the stain removal brush comprises:
  - i) a handle having a motor disposed therein;
  - ii) a head having a longitudinal axis;
  - iii) a neck disposed between the handle and the head;
  - iv) a tilted bristle holder associated with the head which oscillates or rotates;
  - v) a set of bristles associated with the bristle holder wherein the motor is operatively connected to bristle holder;
  - vi) a shaft at least partially disposed within the neck, the shaft being operatively connected to the motor and to the bristle holder, wherein the terminal end of the shaft disposed in the neck does not lie in the same plane as the motor shaft disposed in the handle;
- b) providing an absorbent stain receiver article which contacts the inanimate surface;
- c) putting a solution in contact with the inanimate surface;
- d) contacting the electric stain-removal brush to brush the solution on the inanimate surface;  
and
- e) contacting the inanimate surface treated with the solution with the absorbent stain receiver article.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the tilted bristle holder oscillates at a frequency of between about 1000 and 10,000 cycles per minutes.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the bristle holder has a circular shape with a diameter of between about 10 and 50 mm.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the bristles have a length of between about 5 and 15 mm.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the bristles have a diameter of between about 0.1 and 0.3 mm.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the solution is an aqueous solution.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein the aqueous solution is first applied to the bristles, and then placed in contact with the inanimate surface.
9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the solution further comprises a surfactant.
10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the solution is a lipophilic fluid.
11. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the lipophilic solution is first applied to the bristles, and then placed in contact with the inanimate surface.
12. (Original) The method of Claim 10 wherein the lipophilic solution further comprises a surfactant.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 1, wherein the shaft reciprocates.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 1, wherein the shaft comprises a V-link.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13 1, wherein the terminal end of the shaft comprises a W-link.
17. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the bristles tufts have different lengths.
18. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the bristle holder has a sloped base.

19. (Currently Amended) An article of commerce comprising

- a) a motorized stain-removal brush, wherein the motorized stain-removal brush comprises
  - i) a handle having a motor disposed therein;
  - ii) a head having a longitudinal axis;
  - iii) a neck disposed between the handle and the head;
  - iv) a bristle holder associated with the head which oscillates or rotates and wherein the electric stain-removal brush has a cleaning efficiency angle of between about 0 and 100 degrees; and
  - v) a set of bristles or a foam structure associated with the bristle holder; wherein the motor is operatively connected to the bristle holder; and
  - vi) a shaft at least partially disposed within the neck, the shaft being operatively connected to the motor and to the bristle holder, wherein the terminal end of the shaft disposed in the neck does not lie in the same plane as the motor shaft disposed in the handle.

20. (Original) The article of Claim 19 further comprising a set of instructions in association with the motorized stain-removal brush, wherein the instructions direct a user of the electric stain-removal brush to

- i) put a solution in contact with the inanimate surface, and
- ii) employ the motorized stain-removal brush to brush the solution on the inanimate surface.

21. (Original) The article of commerce of Claim 19 wherein the bristle holder is tilted.

22. (Original) The article of commerce of Claim 19 wherein the bristle holder oscillates.

23. (Original) The article of commerce of Claim 19 wherein the motorized stain-removal brush has a cleaning efficiency angle of between about 35 and 95 degrees.